

HONOR TO GENERAL GRANT.**PUBLIC DINNER AT ST. LOUIS.****A BRILLIANT AFFAIR.****Nine Generals and a Host of Lesser Stars Present.****Letters of Invitation and Acceptance.****Gen. Grant at the City University and the Theatre,**

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St. Louis, Jan. 30, 1864.

The dinner to General Grant last night was a most brilliant affair. Major Generals Grant, Rosecrans and Cobbold, Brigadier Generals Osterhaus, McNeil, Bowen, Boutelle, Kirk and Gray, a large number of colonels and officers of lower rank were present. Speeches were made by most of the generals present and a number of citizens; but General Grant declined to extend his remarks beyond a mere return of thanks for the honors conferred.

(From the Missouri Republican, Jan. 22.)

Learning that Major-General Grant had arrived in our city on Tuesday, a number of our citizens yesterday addressed to him the following invitation to a public dinner: If there had been ten every citizen of St. Louis would have been invited, but the number has been limited to the lesser. No occasion has occurred since the commencement of the war in which St. Louis has more cheerfully united to the honor in which we are now engaged.

It will be seen that General Grant has accepted the invitation to the public dinner thus tendered him.—

St. Louis, Jan. 27, 1864.

To Major General U. S. GRANT, at the City University, with all the best regards, the people who witnessed the highest admiring your patriotic devotion, unsurpassed services, and commanding success in the various military positions occupied by you from the commandant of the existing fortifications, to the secretary of war, with whom you are serving at the first call of your country, placing yourself at its disposal to aid in suppressing the most unpardonable and gigantic rebellion. As citizens of Missouri they are deeply interested in your welfare, and with which you are in the Southern State at the beginning of the conflict, when the rebels at the command of these authorities were wholly inadequate to the great work committed to them; and as citizens of the great valley of the Mississippi, they are equally anxious to see that you will not only for the first signal victories which, under your wise counsels, crowned our arms, and thrilled the nation with joy, but also for those later and unparalleled triumphs which gave again freedom to Western commerce, from the mouth of the river to the Gulf of Mexico, and certainly in the final victory of the Mississippi over the Confederacy.

As citizens of a republic consecrated to constitutional liberty, and fully appreciating the destiny of the future for our country, with which hangs upon the results of the present contest, we cordially invite you to an unparalleled triumph of yourself, officers and men. To you and the gallant soldiers whom you have led a hearty welcome.

In the name of our fellow citizens of St. Louis, we earnestly request that you will, before leaving the city—once your home—meet your fellow citizens at a public dinner, where old personal friendships may be renewed and new ones formed, and where congratulations over the success of the war and the hopes of the future may be freely exchanged.

We have the honor to be, with sentiments of profound regard, your obedient servants.

(Here follow the names of 135 subscribers.)

GENERAL GRANT'S REPLY.

ST. LOUIS, Mo., Jan. 27, 1864.

GENTLEMEN.—Your highly complimentary invitation to meet old acquaintances and to make new ones, at a dinner to be given on the 28th instant, I accept with pleasure.

I will state that I have just visited St. Louis on the occasion to see a sick child. Finding, however, that he had passed the crisis of his disease, and is pronounced out of danger, I have no longer any interest in his recovery. My stay in this city will be, therefore, very short, probably not even for the 1st proximo. On tomorrow I shall be engaged. Any other day of my stay here, and any place selected by the citizens of St. Louis, it will be agreeable for me to meet them.

I have the honor to be, very respectfully, your obedient servant,

U. S. GRANT, Major General U. S. A.

GENERAL GRANT AT THE CITY UNIVERSITY.

Among the pleasing incidents attending the unbroken visit of General Grant to this city at this time, was his call yesterday on the City University, where he addressed two hours of his time to the students of the University, and where he conversed with the students of the most admirable institution, under the charge of President Edward Wyman.

The President and students, it was a gratifying pleasure, affording them an opportunity to see and witness the military hero whom fortune and the successful results of fiercely contested campaigns have crowned with wreath after wreath of thecoveted laurels which mortal nations often covet. The young men of the University, whom we are all so fond of, with abounding curiosity, yet altogether orderly and respectful, eyed the man whose name is forever to be associated in history with the most remarkable achievements of the American Republic. They were shown how farre they broke up spontaneously in to the heartiest expressions of applause. Yet among all those youth, not one was an all mode mode, unshaven, unpolished, unclean, than that which marked Grant's dress, the model of which was the simple, modest, and charged with the gravest military responsibility resting upon the shoulders of any general in the mass.

GENERAL GRANT AT THE THEATRE.

Major General (United States) Grant attended the St. Louis theatre on Saturday evening, January 24th, to witness the premiere of "The Alabama," a drama in five acts, the scenes of which were laid in the Straits of Sunda. The play was a success, and the audience, which was large, gave a standing ovation at the conclusion of each act.

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